

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

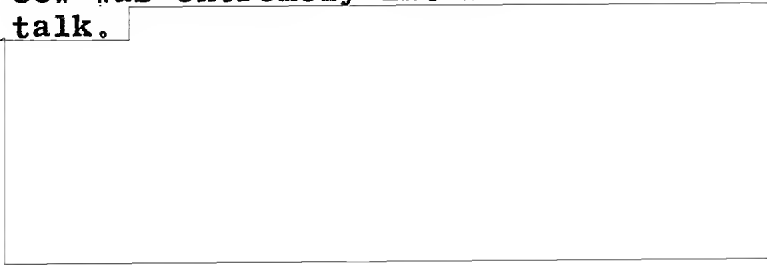
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1. France

a. Soviet Ambassador Vinogradov saw De Gaulle on Tuesday. The French say it was a routine visit long scheduled and that "no plans" were discussed.

b. This may be so, but circumstantial evidence suggests that Moscow was extremely interested in the talk.



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2. Cuba--Military

a.

coastal defense cruise
missiles, at Santiago de Cuba.

b. There is no sign of an im-
mediate intent to move them, although

Soviet work in areas near Santiago
which may be related.

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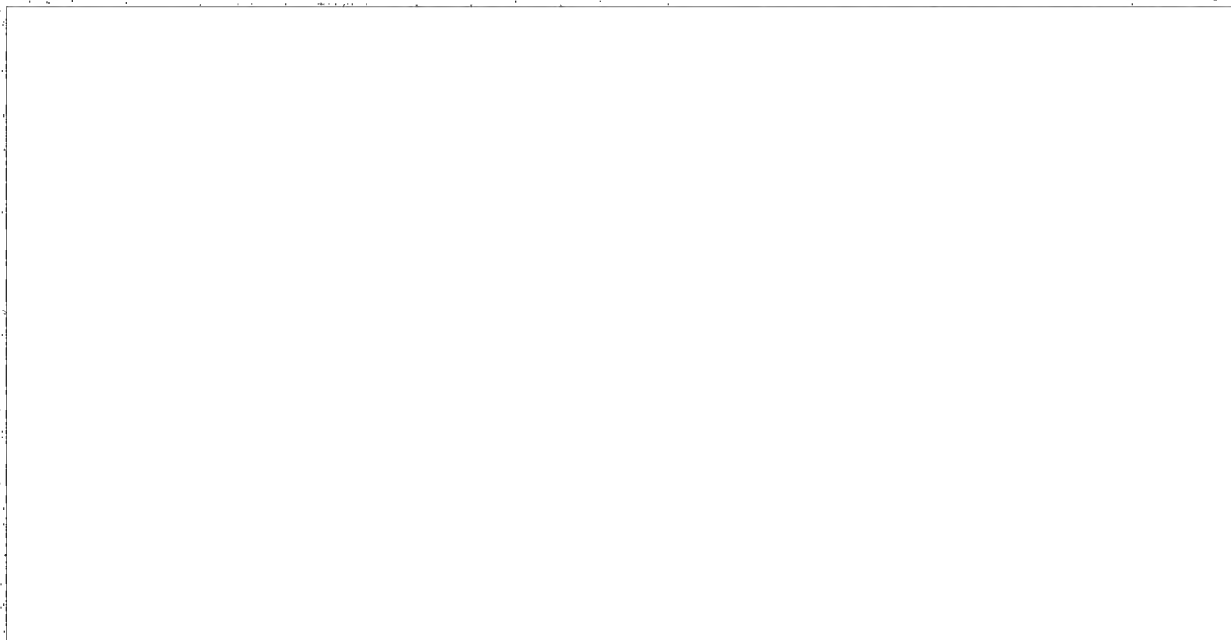
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3. Cuba--Political

a. The Brazilian conservative press has published the text of the Varig Airline crash documents which showed Cuban sponsorship of Brazilian insurrectionists. One paper calls for a diplomatic break with Castro. Foreign Minister Hermes Limas, however, has twice called the documents "insignificant" and is expected to repeat himself.

b. [redacted]

[redacted] a Cuban mission is in Western Europe trying to recruit engineers and technicians--at fancy salaries--for the limping Cuban economy.

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4. Indonesia

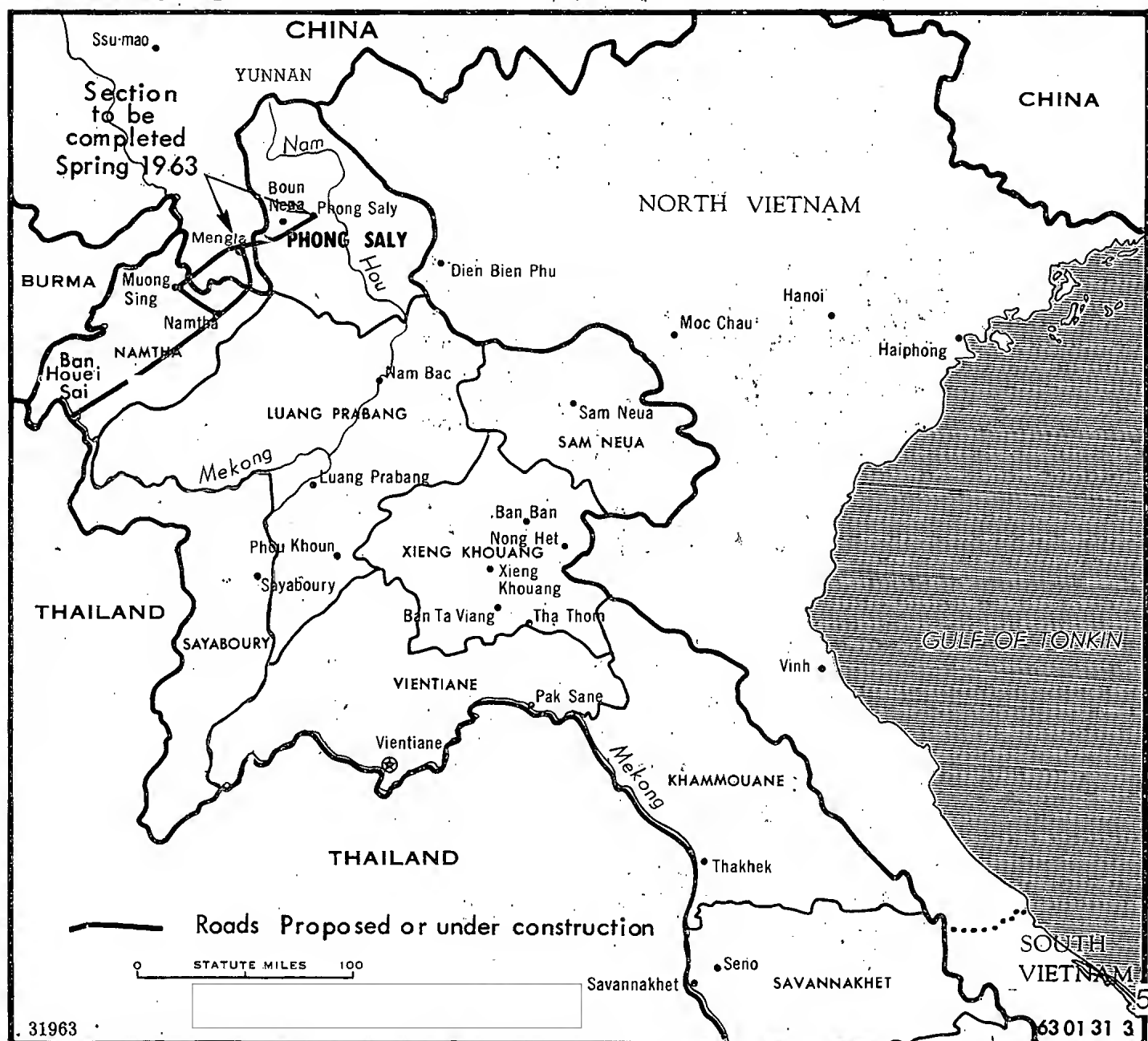
a. Djakarta's sabre rattling over Malaysia has become a bit noisier:

[redacted] on Wednesday

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Djakarta announced a program of air and naval patrols of the borders with North Borneo and Malaya. [redacted]

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b. Yesterday, Azahari, the long-distance leader of the Brunei revolt, left Manila for Djakarta by air; he may eventually go to Cairo to drum up more support.

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d. Malik, [redacted] recommended severe austerity measures. [redacted] Malik was too pessimistic; foreign countries would bail out Indonesia. [redacted]

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5. Laos

a. More information on Chinese road building in northern Laos is emerging. In addition to the almost completed all-weather road to Phong Saly from Mengla in southern China, [redacted] another road net will link Phong Saly--via Mengla--with Muong Sing, Nam Tha, and perhaps even Ban Houei Sai on the Mekong.

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We have as yet no "hard" confirmation that the latter work is actually underway inside Laos.

b. All this would tie northern Laos--now almost inaccessible by road from central Laos--to southern China.

c. Souvanna and Phoumi are typically fuzzy. Souvanna says it is entirely Phoumi's business. Phoumi, who seems to believe the work will go on no matter what he might do, says the best course would be to "regularize" it with an agreement; this he says would be a means of getting the Chinese to accept Lao sovereignty in the area.

6. Yemen

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b. Yemen's representative in New York, who says he has instructions "by direct telegram", is now displaying an ambiguous attitude toward the idea of a UN mediator. He could, however, be behind the times.

NOTES

- A. Mozambique The Portuguese may be facing at least limited sabotage or guerrilla action in their East African colony this year. The Mozambique Liberation Front, formed last June and based across the border in Tanganyika, is stepping up a training program for its people. [REDACTED]

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- B. Syria-Israel A Syrian irrigation project presently under way will divert water from a tributary of the Jordan; the Syrians say there is no deliberate intent to deny water to the Israelis. [REDACTED]

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- C. Congo Tshombé is keeping a small ace up his sleeve. Some twenty of his mercenaries who made it across the border into Angola are to be retained there for possible future use.

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- E. India/USSR Indian Foreign Secretary Desai told Galbraith that four MIG-21s had arrived in Bombay [REDACTED]. Desai could have been premature. In Bombay there is no sign of them. The ship on which they were thought to be coming, due last Friday, will not arrive for another ten days.

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